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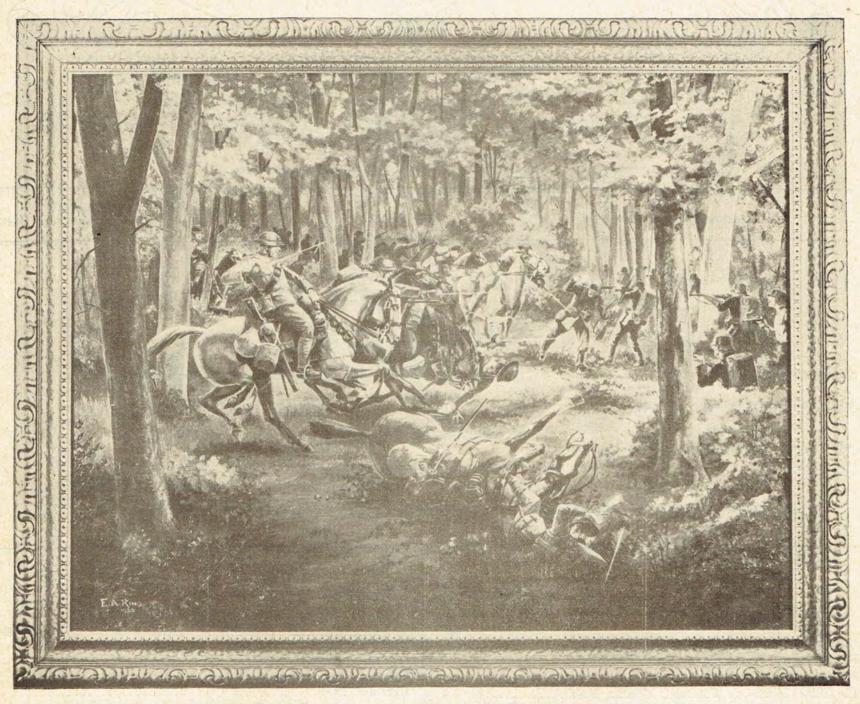
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The Royal Canadian Dragoons at Moreuil Wood, March 30th, 1918.

EDITORIAL

This month of March, marks a double anniversary both of considerable importants to the regiment. The seventeenth (St. Patrick's Day) is the birthday of the "Goat". Due to a scarcity of green ink it will be impossible to publish a green number, however, we have decided to compromise and therefore will unleash this month's issue with the next most appropriate cover colour 'Orange.'

The 'Goat' is now eleven years old and holds the unique position of being one of two monthly publications of any unit in the Empire.

We are very grateful to our contributors and correspondents and hope that the present ones will continue to help, and that new ones will make an effort to

drop us a line be it only to let us know that they are well.

The 30th of March 1918 was the date of the capture of Moreuil Wood.

The frontpiece is a photograph of an old painting by ex-Sergt. King, formerly 'A' Squadron R. R.D. who sent it to us from Vancouver where as his letter in this issue explaining now resides.

We take this opportunity of thanking ex-Sergt. King for his interest, and for sending this photograph to us.

A short account of the battle of Moreuil Wood is published in this issue taken from "Adventure" by the Rt. Honorable Lord Mottistone who as Major General J. E. B. Seely commanded the Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

Personal & Regimental

We offer a welcome to Major Cambell of the R.C.R. to Cavalry Barracks St. Johns. Major Cambell who has been stationed with 'A' Company R.C.R. at Halifax has taken the place of Major V. Hodson, D.S.O., R.C.R. who left for Halifax last month.

We offer our congratulations to Farrier Quartermaster Sergt. E. Taylor on his promotion. Also to Cpl. F W. Lawrence, L/Cpl. McKenzie and L/Cpl. J. Wendon on their promotions.

Congratulations are also in order to S.Q.M.S. T. Sheehy, Sgt. G. Henderson and Tpr. Barraclough on being awarded the Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

The Royal Canadian School of Cavafry came to a close at Cavafry Barracks on March 10th after a six weeks course of Instruction. Those officers N.C.O's and men attending the course were:

2nd Lt. R. C. Irving, 6th Hrs. 2nd. Lt. H. L. Westmorland, 7th Hrs.

Lt. H. J. Miller. K.C.H.

A/S.S.M. H. K. Mugridge, 8th P.L.N.B.H.

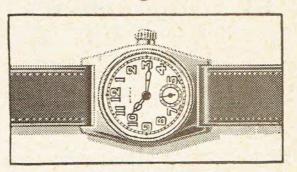
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All will regret the departure of Pte. 'Barny' Isaacs, R.C.A.M.C. who has left Cavalry Barracks for for Calgary where he will be stationed.

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Captain C. Sanford, R.C.C. S gna's who arrived in England a short time ago to attend the Staff College at Camberley, was the unfortunate victim of a serious accident on Jan. 23rd, when he and another officer went out to try their horses for the first time.

As they were riding on the common behind the college, Capt. Sanford's horse took the bit between his teeth and bolted for the stable. This involved crossing the main London road down which the horse galloped. Capt. Sanford was then on the pavement a few minutes later when the horse swerved to miss a car.

The X-Rays disclosed two fractures of the base of the skull and slight injuries to the base of the spine. He is slowly improving at it will be several weeks before s fit again.

We continue to hear good reports on Tpr. Labelle, R.C.D., who is ery ill in the Montreal General ospital. Comrades who have visited h m report that "Romeo" is ery cheerful and plucky in spite of this serious illness.

We acknowledge with thanks and the Canadian Veteran, The Household Brigade Magazine and The Esquimalt Patrician.

A very enjoyable dance was held in the gymnasium at Cavalry Barracks on March the 9th. A goow crowd was in attendance and all ranks and their friends are reported to have had a wonderful time.



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THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. FREDERICK GILMAN, D.S.O.

The late Lieut.-Col. Gilman, was born at Fredericton, N. B. in 1882 and joined the 8th Princess Louise Hussars in 1902. four years service with this unit he joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Toronto. In 1911 he was transferred to St. Jean. P.Q., and the following year preceded to India and had only returned to Canada in time to rejon the unit before it went to Valcartier. He was appointed Adjutant in 1915 and served in that capacity until the following year when he was appointed Assistant Provost Marshall 1st Canadian Division and in due course went to Canadian Corps Headquarters. Col. Gilman was twice mentioned in dispatches and made a companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

On re-organization of the Permanent Force in 1920, he was appointed to the Command of the Royal Canadian Dragoons where his term of command was completed he held various Staff appointments at London Vicptoria and St. Johns, N.B. where he died in February.

During the war he married Miss Hilda Reed, of Toronto who survives him. The deceased officer was very popular with all who knew him.

"HILL '70' "

Scores of Montrealers gathered at St. Sauveur on Sunday March 4th to witness a unique ceremony the occasion being the unveiling of a bronze tablet in memory of the late General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

This tablet is placed on the

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most prominent boulder of what is known to Skiers every where as the "Big Hill."

President Harry Pangman of the Red Birds Ski Club unveiled the tablet, and Colonel the Ven. Archdeacon Almond C.M.G. dedicated this imposing elevation as Hill '70.'

A Platoon from McGill C.O.T. C. on Skis which carried out some remarkable manoeurvres and formations during the afternoon, formed the Guard of Honour.

CONFERENCES AND DISARMAMENT

The following article, which appeared as an editorial in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette appears to have touched a pertinent point and it is republished as being of general interest

In the history of the world, conflict of armed forces has mainly been due to the pursuit and safe guarding of trade. The convening of the recent World Economic Conference was well worth while, if only to establish without doubt that, so far, sixty five nations meeting on common ground, under one roof, could not agree on some factors which may well be potential causes of war. Is agreement more probable under sixty-five roofs?

"Upon the issue of the Economic Conference rests, to a considerable extent, the success of the Disarmament Conference, if one fails in the prevention of war, how then the other which would reduce or dispense with security, succeed?

"There necessarily must a ways be a legitimate use of force. It is unfortunately, one indispensable phase of discipline, and of this, the Four Power Pact acquiencent. Have not the economic policies of some, possibly immune from action by force contributed to trade slumps in other counteries?

It is sorely perplexing to realize that there is danger of the restrictions imposed by the outlawry of war re-acting economically upon a community to such an extent as starvation. One ponder's as to which is the more humane. If agreement on economic problems be internationally impracticable, what hope then for mutual and, most important of all, equitable international police measures?

St. Johns Notes.

'A' 2 'Teddy' well known as "Old Teddy the Gray" who has has been in the sick-lines for the last two weeks is back at duty. This is the first time that "Old Teddy" has entered the hospital, if he has it was a long time ago. This venerable old horse will be remembered by many who have left the service, he has the honour to be the oldest horse in the Squadron with just as much pep and energy (if not more) than many of the younger horses. What 'Teddy' thinks about this 'going sick' idea we do not know but judging by the way he feels now it will probably be a long time before he enters the sick-lines again.

OLD TRADITION STILL CARRIED ON

In rummaging old files, etc., the editor found the following-Mention has already been made about the artistocratic members of the Medical Corps, arriving at, and departing from duty at the hospital in a cab. Our old friend Pte. (Dr.) Cataford has been reported as having gone one better. The cab now deposits him at the canteen, awaits for him to do h's bit towards maintaining "That school girl complexion" then takes him on to the hospital. Major Tessier and Nursing Sister Stevenson, are carrying out the old tradition, as they are frequently seen breezing into barracks aboard one of the local models. Major Tessier's car has been known to stop at the canteen, but judging by the sound of marching feet and the melodious strains of the "windjammer", on th's occasion he wended his way homeward under his own steam.

Apropos annual estimates talked of so freely at this time every year a certain member of the garrison offered his opinion that things alter at the end of the "Physical" year.

At the Perth stock sales in Scotland, an Aberdeen-Angus bull (Primate of Lethen) was purchased by Sir Edmund Findlay of Aberlour for 1,000 guineas \$5,250.

Basket-Ball.

Some time ago there was a casual remark passed around that we could not raise a basketball team at Cavalry Barracks. "Is that so" remarked the Drags' we'll see.

What was the result? why they went into a huddle, raised a Senior and a Junior team and played three games which were very creditable. On March the 14th the Junior team proceeded downto the Market Square where they played the Cardinal team. Considering that this was the first time that the majority of men had played the game at all they did remarkably well, thanks to the careful coaching of Cpl. Lawrence who is acting as manager for the team. The game finished with a score of 11-16 in favour of the 1 3 Cardinals.

On March 22nd saw the Senior team out on the floor, playing against the Senior team of the R.C.R. The game was fast and not a little rough which can be overlooked. The Seniors who have shaped up very well under the management of Sgt. Blake work hard, every man doing his bit i. keep the game even which the did for the greater part of t. game. In the second period the evelo score that had been held changed in favour of the R.C.R. who finished up the game with a score of 26-22 in favour of the R. C.R.

The line-up is as follows:-Guards, Marshall, Septhon; Centre, Jewkes; Right Munro; Left, Hone.

In the next game the Junior team proved themselves equal to the occasion when they met with the Junior team of the R.C.R. As mentioned before a lot of these men were new to the game, but the game never lagged from the start to the finish. There is lots of room for improvement but that will come with practice providing these lads stay with it, they will be an A.1 team.

Doherty, playing right did not waste much time in getting down to business and scoring a basket. Young, playing left saw Big Bill' pull that one off and thinking it a good idea tried it thus scoring another. After a hard fought game which was pay-

ed against quite a few of the Championship players in the R.C. R. the R.C.D. won with a score of 15-13.

The line-up is as follows:

Guards, Quartly, Finn; Centre Hider; Right, Doherty; Left, Young; Spares, Hardy, Staples and Dunk.

AVIATION IN CANADA

At the Military Institute, Toronto, on Friday March 23rd a dinner was given to the Ministers of National Defence. The Honorable Donald Sutherland, D.S.O., V.D., M.B. M.P., Eighty Members were present. The Minister in his reply to the president's welcome told us of highly amusing incidents that occurred in 1901 when the Duke of York was in Toronto and the Minister was in Command of a Company of the Oxford Rifles. After the dinner he gave a most interesting and highly instructive illustrated lecture on "Aviation in Canada." The part Canada has played in development of Commercial Air Routes and what she is now doing is very clearly explained. Humorous photographs of the work now being undertaken by the Department of National Defence in the development of the Trans-Canada Air Route were shown to be overcome and the great work being done by the Department in employing the unemployed, thus giving them an occupation and a means of keeping themselves fit, and in many cases in practise at their trade. The lecture room was packed and the Institute is to be congratulated on having such an enjoyable evening.

Sergeant (to recruit)—"If a cigarette paper were to blow again t you'head you wou'd d'e of concussion of the brain."

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Hockey.

Rules and regulations as played by the Lord Strathcona Horse (R.C.)

As stated in the "Strathconian" hockey is a sport peculiar to the Cavalry. In view of the local rules and regulations published below we agree.

Number of players :-

The game shall be played by seven men a side. Other men may take part at their own risk. No man owing money to the Squadron will be allowed to participate.

Field of Play

The game shall be played on a hard surface (harder the better) surrounded by four walls made of wood with spikes potruding.

The Ball:-

The ball shall be a baseball officially discarded by the garrison Indoor Baseball league. It shall not be filled with service ammunition and shall be examined by a board of officers before the game.

Duration of Game :-

The duration of the game sha'l not exceed 30 minutes, daylight saving time (as indicated by the guard room clock.)

Goal Scoring :-

A goal shall have been scored when the ball has been knocked, carried, thrown, kicked shoved, or dropped between the goal posts

Free Hits:-

A referee may award a free hit to any player entitled to one G.C. badge or more.

Any player offering violence to the referee shall be severely dealt with

Any referee offering violence to a player shall be lynched or such like punishment.

Protest:-

When a goal has been scored the losing side shall immediately protest and shout out offside.

Selft Defence:-

Each player shall be armed with teresting preacher?

a stick, which at the discretion of the players may be used in self defence. The referee shaull not be armed during a league game.

Finals:-

When a final game is being played the referee shall wear earpads, tin hat, and carry a service revolver fully loaded, and shall have means of a quick getaway handy.

Ball Out of Play:-

A player shall be out of play when in the heat of the game he has offered violence to opponent's stick with his head.

A referee shall be appointed to decide all disputed points and to prevent unnecessary bloodshed. He shall have the power to suspend or terminate a game whenver, by reason of darkness mobilization, earthquakes, or other reasons he may deem necessary.

Charging:-

A player shall not charge, trip, kick, strike or jump on an opponent while the referee is watching.

Bribery :-

It shall be considered an offence under the Army Act for a referee to accept canteen tickets from any player during the course of the game.

Hockey Sticks :-

The hockey stick shall be a long wooden object with one curved end, and shall be used in stopping or hitting 1— the ball, 2—the opponents, or 3—the referee.

Retarding a game :-

In the event of any temporary suspension of play from any cause, the referee shall drop the ball where it was when the game stopped and shall immediately seek a place of safety in the Squadron office.

A Yankee so dier while in England was being shown over an old church beneath whose floor there were many graves. "A great many people's sleep within these walls 'said the guide solemnly, as he indicated the inscription covered floor 'Is that so? replied the Yankee 'Same way over in our country, why don't you get a more interesting preacher?

Reminiscenses of a Recruit.

By "Hermes"

By the courtesy of "Wag Fagger" Austraian Corps of Signals

Why I joined the Signal section is a question which I shall leave unanswered. It may have been that I thought it was a convenient thing to be able to waft message's across vast spaces or that the Army training had an appeal, and was a good thing to undergo for the sake of discipline, and a liberal education or so the recruiting notice said. If a person desires to be trained how not to think or use his intelligence (if he possesses any) this training is an excellent thing, and by dint of continued practice may be guaranteed to turn the most intelligent into an automaton. Before joining up however one should know how to "right about turn" and the way in which a salute should be given. It seems a deucedly easy thing to perform until you try it yourself. Once one can do these things, one is a qualified signal er

When I attended my first parade I was immediately placed under the almost paternal solicitude of a sergeant who did his best to fit me with a uniform. After several attempts he admitted that the hat and the leggings fitted all right, but that he could not answer for the remainder.

The uniform is a peculiar contrivance designed primarily for discomfort, especially in the lower regions of the legs and neck and weighs I don't know what, but its weight is fairly considerable. The hat is provided with a chin strap which serves to keep the hat from blowing away in a gale or at a word of command, and it also serves as a seviceable rest for the chin. It is in advisable to rest the lower jaw too heavily upon it. since this may drag the hat down over the ears. A hat serves to protect the head from the wind and rain, but the military hat being turned up on one side does neither. The pants now provided are on the short side-probably owing to the financial stringency-and leaves one with a sensation of chill in the region of the stomach. This however, may be an advantage during the summer. The two pockets may be round after a

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careful search, or mistaken for a part of the lining that has become unstitched. It is practically impossible to get anything into them, or for that matter to get anything out of them. After the first parade I had the honour to attend, I found on feeling for my tramfare, that it was scattered around my right knee, and a subsequent search discovered my right knee, and a subsequent search discovered my knife and cigarettes down the left leg. A certain amount of juggling enabled me to pay my tram fare.

After being misfitted, with a uniform I went on parade and was put on to the setting of a heliograph. I did not then know what a heliograph was, but imagined that it had something to do with the sun. It hasn't. It is a contraption used under electric light for the purpose of flicking reflected light on to people you dislike, much in the same way as small boys use mirror. The instrument proper is mounted on a tripod, the legs of which are dug into a board floor. and the whole jigger being fragile requires the utmost care and respect. A circular shaving mirror is the most conspicuous feature of the heliograph. There is a second mirror, known as the duplex mirror, which may be used as a shaving mirror, or used in conjunction with the first for looking round corners. After setting up the tripod in an unorthodox manner was shunted off to do some buzzer practice. A small crowd of us sat at small tables with earphones on our heads, trying to look like operators in a telephone exchange, and listened in to some chap imitating one of those weird bugs which one hears at night in the bush-bz, bz, bz, brrr, bz, bz. bzzzz, etc. From this medley of noise come letters in Morse's code of varying pitch. quality and intensity, some being of ear-cracking quality, others sounding like the swan song of a senile mosquito.

At half past nine, we were marched into line and dismissed. It was then I learned my shortcomings in the saluting business. for instead of saluting I only managed to knock my hat off.

Walking down the street afterwards, I discovered a source of danger in the heel plates of the boots, but on slippery pavements,

Rounding an inclined asphalt-payed corner I suddenly, without warning, shot off at a tangent and collided somewhat forcefully with an astonished girl who was not prepared for such manoeuvres. and after a few embarrassing moments in which we clung to each other in the well known motion picture style, I tore myself away. It is a dodge worth knowng and may be useful some day.

My next parade was a Sunday morning turnout. It was here that I first learned the objects, principles and procedure of signaling Signalling, to put it briefly, is a cumbersome and roundabout way of sending messages. One does not hand a note to a person round the corner, or ring up, but sends messages in Morses code with flag, amp or buzzer. As a rule, the person to whom you are sending the message is within speaking distance and plainly visible, but you must not do the obvious thing and speak-signalling is not done that way. You tap out messages code, interspersed with such humorous interjections as 'ack-ack-ack' "ink-ink." or These, of course, have nothing to do with frogs or writing fluid. At the end of the message, if you want to know if it was correctly sent, you tap out some abbreviation (I forget which) "How was that?" and probably get the official reply "N.B.G."

I soon discovered that the heliograph also used in the daytime with real sunlight. You set up the instrument a hundred and forty times, and then you are supposed to be able to do it correctly. Having done this, you deflect the sunlight on to some poor blighter in the distance and do your utmost to blind him. He will occasionally call for "light" in which case you let him have an extra dose of concentrated sunlight in the eye.

Another method of signalling is known as "flag-wagging. There are two flags provided, one blue and one white with a blue stripe across it. The white flag is used to indicate fine weather and the blue to one forecast rain. In this way a signaller is warned of theapproach of the weather, and can take care of the delicate and sensitive heliograph, for rain is very detrimental to it. In addition to they constitute a positive menace. weather forecasting, the flags are itatious than flag-wagging.

used for the sending of Morse messages, but I understond that they are going out of use for this purpose, since it is far quicker to deliver the messages. This is rather unfortunate, since flag-wagging in summer would keep one cool and disperse the flies.

Lamp signalling is resorted to at night. A very powerful searchlight is mounted on a tripod, and a key (Morse again) is attached to a ground. The operator sits on the heavy battery which rests on the ground and looks at the lamp while sending, to see that it does not go out. Since it is used in the dark when nothing of interest can be seen in the vicinity, it is apt to become monotonous work, so to relieve the monotony coloured glasses are used to give different colour effects.

So much for the signalling apparatus. When signals are sent by means of flag, heliograph or lamp, the opposing parties constitute "visual stations". The sending station has a caller, sender and answer reader. The first calls the second sends and the third has the interesting job of trying to make out what the other fellow is making a mess of. A receiving station has also a reader, writer and answerer. The first chap has the most interesting job. but should have qualified as a crossword puzzle expert. The writer only writes, makes occasional terse comments.

In addition to the above the signaller is expected to know how to distinguish a major-general from a trooper. It is also expected that he knows sufficient about maps to to distinguish a river from a railway. He does not pronounce his alphabet like ordinary people and if you hear from a signaller such exclamations as "Ack! Beer!" you must not mistake him for a beer garden habitue, nor do the 'cork' and 'jug' bear any effinity to thirst. 'The 'pip' however, is excusable, and may be induced by long periods without the comfort of a smoke.

Signalling, however, is quite a pleasant pastime. It is decidedly useful when in company to give vent to outbursts of profanity in Morse code when the occasion warrant it, and it is also a very convenient method of communication beween partners at bridge; but here toe-wagging would be less osten-

Toronto Notes.

We are glad to see Captain I. D. Hammond back again, after a stav in Christie Street Hospital. He appears to have made a complete recovery from the effects of a fall he had during the winter.

We regret to announce that Captain S. C. Bate was the victim of another unfortunate accident, resulting in a fracture of the left wrist. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Another hospital patient of the month is Tpr. Bone. who broke his thumb while sparring in the gym. We also hope he will be back soon, and feel sure that this accident will not affect his 'trumpeting.'

L/Cpl. H .Hewitt has been out of hospital some little time, and it begins to look as if he is on the 'outs' with those New Nur es up at Christie Street.

An Activity Ride that bids fa'r to out do anything ever before attempted in this line is being rehearsed for the coming M litary Tournament. Capt. G. F. Berteau is in charge, and promises us something entirely new.

A 24 file Ride is also being rehearsed for the same Tournament and the S.S.M. has laid awake for feet English and was educated at nights, thinking up new figures.

The Goat wishes the best of luck to the many members of th. Squadron who are sitting for 1st and 2nd C.asa Educational Exam inations, this and next month.

POLO

The polo season has started off very successfully, there being three teams this year. The matches for the Polo Shield have not been played yet but it is expected that they will be played in the very near future. The R.C.D. represent atives this year are Lieuts. Phillips, Mann, Smith, Capt. Bate and Lieut. Ardagh are both unable to play this year and will be great y missed. The ponies being p ayed are the veteran Maple, Bonn e Queen, Tiny and Ernie,-the longer three are still just learning the game but we hope to see a great been shown in the practices, both arday,-very well too, we might

on the part of the riders and the ponies, so we look forward to a very successful season. At least we can say that it is a very imposing spectacle to see the riders in R.C. D.'s sweaters and pith he mets,all that is missing is the wild

VISIT OF THE ITALIAN CAVALRY OFFICERS

Don Mario Colonna, Duce di Rignano, late of the Italian Lancers Chevalier Ambrosi, Italian Consul-General in Toronto, also late Italian Cavalry, lunched at at Stanley Barracks on March the 12th. Afterwards they spent an and a half in the stables where they showed much interest in the horses. The Duke's wife is of Scotch extraction and he himself served on the British G. H.Q. after being wounded in Italy Chevalier Ambrosi was a so wound ed on the Italian front and his recovery was nothing short of mira culous.

When questioned regarding the use of Cavalry, they were both of the opinion that cavalry would be much needed in the event or another war. They gave us some very interesting information on S gnor Mussol'ni and his work in rebuilding Italy, from which they consider that other countries could learn much. Don Mario speaks per-Cambridge University. He is also a great lover of horses and has promised to come back on his next

EGLINGTON HUNT NOTES

As might be expected the current features at Eglington are the Master's Shield Jumping Competitions and the indoor Polo. We are proud to say that once again an R.C.D. officer heads the lit in the former and is a most a certain winner of the Shield. This is none other han Capt. Bate on that remarkable horse (at least Tpr. Brett says it's a horse confidentially of course),-Spats. He is a point ahead of the nearest horse and here is only one more course to be jumped. Spats is also topping the G: and Championship and looks ike a double winner. Unfortunatey Capt. Bate broke his hand a short time ago and Lieut. Adagh future for them. Great promise has rode Spats in his place last Sat-

add, placing third after a jumpoff with Starlight ridden by Lieut. Phillips who was fourth. Other horses have paid spasmodic visits to the Eglington Arena, among them being Holiday and Gold Leaf ridden by Lt.-Col. Timm's, Musso ini ridden by Lieut. Phillips, Lady Anne, ridden by Leut. Mann and Ginger, ridden by Lieut. Smith, Capt. Bate's Keodore has been a consistent performer, doing remarkably well right through the series. During the two Winter Shows that have been held, Musolini and Spats have been respectively third and fourth in the open jumping and Lieut. Phillips on Bonnie Queen second in the open saddle clas. Altogether one might say a very successful season.

CAVALRY RIDES ROUGH-SHOD OVER INFANTRY **PUCKSTERS**

(From the Kitchener Daily Record February 26th, 1934.)

Woe is us, Woe is us, is the d smal chant monotonously rising from the lips of Charlie Meeker's Legionaires today. After hanging

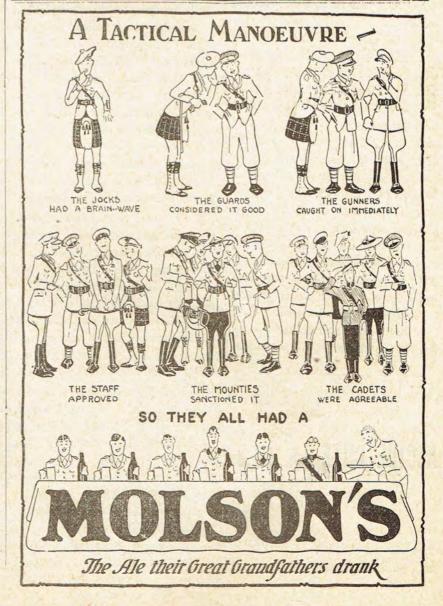
up a 3-2 victory over the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Toronto ast week, the Legionaires expected little difficulty in making it two straight but surprises came in big and little packages.

Saturday afternoon was one of these big surprises, and when the smoke of battle cleared away, the colorful Dragoons in red, white and blue raiment were on the long end of a 4-2 count. Coming out of reverse in the second period, the soldiers from Stanley Barracks wiped out a two goal deficit-which 'Cully 'Schmidt and Beau Brummel Arnott had set up, and walked roughshod over the Legionaires to victory.

Now the 'impromptu' champ'onship hockey series is all tied up, and the two clubs will probably play in Toronto in the near future to saw off the rubber.

On the afternoons pla y the v'stors deserved their win. capitalizng on their opportunities. They watched their checks close y, and played nice combination.

Following the game, they were the guests of the Legion at the Canadian Legion Hall on Duke Street.



Hockey Chatter.

A very great deal of ice has passed under our fallen arches during the month, and we have decided to make a separate column of the subject, which also gives us a chanes to redeem ourselves, as our o'cher "column" isn't exactly tot'....this does not mean that ave personally been do ng Morenzing', for a most all hockey has been p ayed on grass or else from the Press Box. anyway, as we said just now, .. nas been played we are a great reader of newspapers, as mere are always masses of old one; to be found around spare talls, and inside spare bedrolls, and, having read perhaps a milnon or so words on sport, we are orced to notice that many columns are written "Leafs win 23-0" (did they) Ottawa Blanks Rangers 11-0 (We know that this is false, for Robert J. told us) and, in general, about the dazzling display put on by the winning team ... in fact, some of these accounts of "Smashing Victories" etc., have rather given us to wonder whether there was any other team taking part in the game however, although we cannot help but smile inwardly when we hear about Conacher scoring nine goals and twelv; assists against Ottawa and would very much like to get up and sing every time Oxford won the Boat Race, we are going to again demonstrate our peculiar style of writing and instead of telling you how heroic Albert Henry was when the 3rd toop beat Jake the Barber's Bowery Butcrers, we are rathey going to laud and give a grea deal of praise for any team that lost we are tired of the crowns halos and sceptres handed out to winning teams, and so we are going to be different (before

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we go any further, any patron wishing his or her money back may do so in the usual manner)all this is taking place in a small theatre, small but very select....the stage is tastefully decorated with hockey sticks (o'd) and worn out pucks, the latter on fine wire, and so arranged that the names of teams can be spelled out we sit back in our chair, as the orchestra under the distinguished baton of Abramovitch Cornvitch softly renders the few bars of "Show me the way to go Home," particular stress being laid on the second line . . gradualy the curtain rises, and we see No. 2 Troop, better known as the Scruffs (with apologies to John Langley) reading from left to right, front row, Messrs. Da-Mathews, and vidson, Smith, Knights....Back row, from left to right, Messrs. Wright, Wo fe, Burgon and three spare sticks which were not always in useAl, (you know me) is just able to get his nose in from out behind the goal pads ... it is a marvel to us how this intrepid band of hockey players stood up under the gruelling onslaughts of much stronger teams, and played the schedule to a finish, and paricular mention should be made of Messrs. Wright and Wolfe (the Dauntless), who played an entire game when the Troop could find no others, even though neither of them had ever really done any hockeying before Exceedingly hearty congratulation: are extended to this team for their excellent showing. They disp ayed a spirit which would have done credit to any team with nothing but victories to their credit and having shaken them all very heartily by the hand, they trip gayly off the stage, and once more we sit back and moisten our pencil, taking up a fresh grip on our pipe ... again the curtain rises. and we see.....Third Troop, Messrs. Green, Stafford, Martin, Payne, Stuart, Walton, Avery. Gough, Nickle, Parker, and Figg(Sam Lee couldn't get off).... perusing our Form Chart we are surprised to sea that even this formidable aggregation of Hockey talent lost two games during the season, and in so doing they are entitled to a place of hon-

our in this column.....we are

surprised that they didn't win the league, and probably are too ... having made their bow, and come back for an encore (by special permission of Arty who wants them at stables to do some painting) they leave the stage--we prepare to go, a's we cannot recall any other acts worthy of this column . . . and we grope for our hat the curtain r'ses again and so we sit down again....we don't want to miss any of this, (we got in on a pass)up goes the curtain and we see 1st Troop this is surely a mistake we mutter, as we scan our Chart once more, but no, we read 5th Platoon 5, 1st Troop 4, and so they too are entitled to an honorable mention reading from left to right, front row, we see Messrs. Galloway. Ward, Tempstall, Douglass, E. Berkin, Mr. Smith, and in the rear rank, from left to rght, Messrs. McMurray, Raven, Bone, Hook, and 'Ernie'' the last named being a part of the Brain Trustsince we spent almost all of our "lead-swinging" days in First Troop, we clap very heartily, as if we draw attention to this fact, and leap up onto the stage to shake them all by the hand 1st Troop finished up the season in second place, and won the Squadron Championship for a collection of players, painters, and transport drivers, they did remarkably well, losing only the one game, and almost losing their place in this Hall of Fame the Curtain falls again, and before we leave, we have a couple of the Dragoons (they won't be bringgeneral remarks to make re Hockey it has been a good season, more games being played than ever before....the Squadron have also been active as a team, playing games in Beaverton twice, against London, R.C.R. once, and against Kitchener twice ... they should be in first class shape when they meet the Toronto R.C.R. and we look to an easy victory another feature of the games was the turnout of spectators to most of the games, and we feel sure that season has done a lot to bring hockey back into Barracks, even if all the games were played at the Ravina and before we close, we would like to give a

transported the players to and from the rink on so many occasions, and also another vote of thanks to S/Inst. Paul Godin, the R.C.R. who hand'ed the referee's whistle so efficiently at many of our games, and now, we hear coming up from the South, the well worn, and time honoured cry of "Play Ball" and so we put our skates on the rack, and take down our trusty old bat which is slightly warped from so much laying around, and we anxiously await the opening of the baseball season. which will at least assure us of some warmer weather.

J. B. H.

More Kitchener Notes

DRAGOONS COMING FOR ICE WARFARE

(From the Kitchener Daily Record of February 24th, 1934.)

The Dragoons are coming, Hurrahè Hurrah. That's what Charlie Meeker's Legionaires are singing over at the Duke Street Hall, and singing with plenty of gusto despite the dire threats of the Royal Canadian Dragoons from Stanley Barracks Toronto.

Beaten at hockey in Toronto last week, the Dragoon's playing a return game at auditorium this afternoon. And perhaps to bolster their courage ing their horses) have threatened to take back the Legionaire's shirts. That's not so bad. but they go so far as to threaten to take the Legion Hall back with them too.

George 'Powder'' Thompson, burly Legion defencemen qu'etly remarked that they'll do all their threatening on the ice. No meaningless threat for us, quoth he to Len 'Cab' Wev.

Besides these two, the Legionaires will have 'Cutey' McLaren, George 'Shorty' Cruikshank, Rudy 'Mac' Schu'tz, Zep Wey, 'Horses' Hasenpflug 'Beau Brummel' Arnott, Cully 'Rookie' Schmidt Art Klein, Horace Davis. and Irvin hearty vote of thanks to Dunc, the Ingols. The game will start at 4.45 genial Driver who so carefully o'c'ock.

Extra--Extra--Extra!

A RIVAL FOR THE LOCH NESS MONSTER

The Lost Rider Rides Again

A daring tale of the Lost Rider riding again, has brought fear and awe to many of the residents of Stanley Barracks. The phenomena which was seen by many local inhabitants, was apparent on February 15th, the day following the winning of the Troop Hockey Title by First Troop, and to judge by the number of reports coming in every minute, there can be no doubt as to the authenticty of the story. Immediately upon it being evident that we had a rival to the Monster of Loch Ness, search parties were organized, hot coffee was made, and preparations perfected in the event of the Rider becoming lost, as is its custom. Warnings were sent out to all positions outside Toronto, ex cept in the direction of the lake. for it is known that the Rider cannot swim, and early report were anxiously awaited. Following the first report of the re-appearance of the phenomena, a second report to'd that the Rider had been seen in the Coliseum where it had managed to travel without being lost,, and a later report fold of his leaving the same place. At the time of writing his return has not been made public, and anxiety is being felt in view of the fact that the Rider has never before made a return journey without the aid of a compass, and it is reported that no compass was visible. For the information of any who are not accustomed to meeting this rare spectacle, we hastily assure you that there is no occasion for alarm. The Lost Rider, is quite harmless, but has a passion for paint and therefore, it is suggested that nervous people arm themselves with a can or bucket of paint (preferably red) and if confronted with the phenomena may continue in perfect safety, if they leave the paint in full view of the Rider. Any persons witnessing the activities of the Lost Rider, are urgently requested to report same without deay to this office. Extra editions will be published from time tao time, this being an exclusive Goat feature. hold on them, and so it really be-

Here and There.

It is Sunday evening, and we have done nothing all day except go to Church, and eat much chicken....the first came about through no fault of our own, and the last by Special Permission of the Mess Committee we have just completed a tour of Barracks and were somewhat dismayed to find only three other fellows in Barracks besides ourselves, and in order to escape the excitement from such a vast throng, we have hied ourselves over to the Editorial Offices, and so here we are again, ready with pen poised over masses of paper, and with the monthly grabbag at our elbowthe bag is not very full this month, and so we pick it up by the hind end, and shake it well over our desk four items drop out, and we sort them out finding, some hockey news which s printed elsewhere, and a not c from our plumber which would interest no one, and least of all ourse ves, as we never use one...the remaining two consist of some newspaper clippings from Kitchener, which are also located somewhere else in this issue, and a list of Canteen Charges which ev dently got in the wrong bag from this lack of preponderance of news, we suppose we should taper off into a pathet'c conclusion right here, but we hope we are made of sterner stuff than that it would be a splend d time to close the office and go to a Columnists Convention in Parm Beach, but even that isn't being he d.....this utter lack of co. operation leaves us rather cold and were it not for that dogged determination (and patience) for which we are famous, this column would probably never have been printed ... however, having set our elves the not too envious task of compiling a column without any material from which to draw, we had better get started our ucua, collection of Famous Peop c have lit us down badly, having log nothing to bring them before our critical gaze, and the Personages of Lesser Importance have apparently gone on furlough, or also laying low until the well known Spring Fever takes a firm

resort we reach nonchalently for the telephone which is seldem quiet and call up Oscar our own Walter Winchell, who is on weekend recovering from a severe cold in his eye, and we almost shout for joy when he tells us, over the phone that Cupid has made another singular triumph in Barracks, and this time it is none other than our Oulde Pal "Lightning" Alderson, we were unfortunately unable to send a representative to the function, but we believe that everything went along swimmingly, as "Jock" left the day befor. in order not to be late....had we known about this before we would certain'y have given him a more fitting position in this column, a headline at least while the smoke rises in clouds above our typewriter, Oscar continues and tel's us.....Joe. attended Centennial Ball dressed in same suit he wore at the Bi-Centennial Ball fifty-years ago..... this is more like an ad. for Tp-Top Tailors if you ask us, Adopting as their slogan "Bigger and Better Suppers' the new Mess Committee, with the aid of several half day passes are flying their colours into the wind whether th's will bear fruit remains to be seen, but we did have pineapple for supper once..... Reverly Beverly, is becoming the slump in the paint business as "Ernie" our redoubtable punster says "It is so shellae' that it has almost 'varnished,' we cringe before such a masterful brain.....we noticed come remarks in last month's issue about the cold weather in St. Johns, and we hope they haven's been imagining us picking orange in Toronto in January, and we are almost sure we have seen that illustration on the last page entitled Action' maybe we are wrong but

gins to look as if this is going to

be a flop (again?).....as a last

THE ANNUAL REUNION OF THE R.C.D. OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD IN STANLEY BARRACKS GYM-NASIUM AT 8 O'CLOCK ON SATURDAY APRIL 7TH.

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er Learning are getting very high brow, and we even saw one of them raise his fur hat to the C.O. t'other day the Annual Educational Examinations are becoming quite a social event and a simile much in use these days in "Like a First Examination without Alfy"....certainly it is nice to see so many of the vacant faces (with apologies to Al, and H.H.) appearing annually in quest of knowledga..... we have forgotten all we ever knew Alfy, who read in a paper about a gent eman? in the States who attended the World Series for 28 consecutive years hopes to beat that record with his number of Firs Class Exams....Best of Luck A'fy, old timer, and we mean this and while we are n such a congratulatory mood, we al o take this opportunity of wishing Luck to Webby, Stanley, and 'Sharlie' in their coming examinations.....we hear the deep resonant voice of the fog-horn on the breakwater as we write this, and as we look out we are surprised to see that it is very clear outside, and there is no fog..... we remember then that Kappy is in Dock for a week, and so the problems solved probably all ships will enter the harbor at the other end for the week, but they will get there just the sameour Genial and Quite Bright Mess Secretary returned from athe Howellian School of High- visit to the Bigger Business Dis-

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trict, having obtained a sample of a "sugar-pourer-outer" an Itain S. C. Bate, R.C.D., won the innovation to our Dining Hall Shield and Championship Ribbon, (Not Mess Room any more Please).....we have examined article in question, and find that whenever it is upended, the sugar pours out at the top, which becomes the bottom....our only objection to buying a battery of these is that since they fill from the bottom, and by raising the bottom, the sugar pours out from the other end, we cannot quite see how one fills them.....we have visions of the entire Dining Hall Staff working fractically to pour sugar into the bottom quicker than it is pouring out at the topof course we know that there is probably another way, perhaps by breaking the glass, but then we never were bright in that way and before we close a rather mediocre column, we give you the latest Baron Story concerning a party of braves who returning from London arrived an hour late they claimed that on the return journey they Struck a Fog, and 'Blew' two tires'.... while we sat back in our swivel back chair and ruminated on this Komoka, who was of the party further enlightened us by adding "It was a pea-soup fog, and it was so cold it froze, it was like hitting a wall of ice"....hastily calling for water in a rather feeble voice, we bring this column to a gradual halt, knowing that while we have perhaps occasionally done better. we have also done a lot worse if you can follow us this is the Scribe, leaving you to go and commune with Nature ... we'll be seein ya' (we hope) J. B. H.

HUNT CLUB NOTES

Masters' Shield Competition, 1934.

The Masters' Shield Competition which terminated on Saturday March 17th, was once again won by a horse from Barracks. This competition which is run off over a period of eight weeks, consists of eight performances, over a course that is made more difficult each week, and with the best six performances during that period to count. No previous winner can compete in the Shield Competition weekly classes.

This year 'Spats' owned by Capscoring 2 Firsts, 1 Second and 3 Thirds, for a total fault score of 4. and unusually clever performance. There were some who thought that this horse's chances were lost when his owner and rider, Captain S. C. Bate had the misfortune to racture his hand, at a time when the Competition still had two weeks to run, but Lieut. A. P. Ardagh was recalled for the final performances and put on two very excellent performances in the sadd.e. in order to clinch the Trophy "Star.ight", owned by R. Y. Eaton and ridden by Lieut. H. A. Phillips won second place after jumping off with another civilian entry. "Keodore" the second entry of Capt. Bate was placed Fourth in the final competition for the Shield.

This is the second time within three years that a horse from the Barracks has won this coveted Trophy, "Bronte", ridden by Captain C. C. Mann, who is now in Kingston, winning the trophy and Ribbon in 1932, Championship with a total fault score of 3 and it also marks the second occasion in which a horse owned by Capt. S. C. Bate has won this event.

J. B. H.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

When is the Hockey Team coming up from 'A' Squadron, or has our imposing record made them decide it is too 'warm'' up here in the City?

Who is going to be the first to take a dip in the Lake this year, and was "Swee-Pea" having a rehearsal when he wandered all over the ice?

Whether it is true that a certain other rank was detailed to walk up and down the Stable shoving a wheelbarrow that had just had its insides painted, one Saturday morning, with a view to catching the eye?

although they may enter in the Room) trought they had two Cpls. Webb, and Martin, Tpr.-Maj. radios one week during the month, Galloway.

or was it a queston of a "Foggy Atmosphere ?'1

When do we eat Spinach? (Mess Committee Please Note.)

When do we go to Niagara? when do we go to Petawawa? When do we not go to Niagara, and when do we not go to Petawawa? (These are annual queries, and need no answers.)

Whether "Buff" who is leaving for a voyage will really enjoy his trip and whether his love for animals is likely to improve duting the sea-voyage?

When Alderson is going to give us a story entitled "Better Late Than Never" or "In the Spring a young man's fancy, etc.'

Whether "The Scribe" is going to get a car this summer, or are we to have Peace? (Contributions thankfully received.)

Whether this column ever produces any laughs. and how many readers pass it up with the words. 'Ugh?'

INDOOR BASEBALL

On Tuesday, February 13th, a team representing 'B' Sqn. played an invitation softball game with the G.C.B.G. Despite the fact that the men have not played since last Camp, they accredited themselves nobly. The game was played in the Armouries on University Avenue, where coffee and sandwiches were afterwards served. A'though the final score was 20 to 10 in favour of the G.G.B.G., our men were not discouraged and it is hoped that a return game may be arrange in the near future This sort of match not only increases activity in sporting events, but also helps to bring us into closer contact with the local Militia Units. We are endeavouring be arranged in the near future ture, and we hope that more of the Militia Units will follow the lead of the G.G.B.G.

The following represented "B" Squadron.

Tprs. Walton, Knights, Wright, Ward. Payne, Raven, McMurray, Whether First Troop (No. 10 Gray, Douglass, E., Berkin Avery,

THE ANNUAL OFFICERS DINNER WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 O'CLOCK ON SATURDAY APRIL 21ST.

Letters to the Editor.

Mottiston Manor, Isle of Wight. February 24, 1934.

My Dear Timmis.

I am indeed grateful to you and the Royal Canadian Dragoons Old Comrades Association for their very kind good wishes.

Please tell the old comrades from me that they are never out of my thoughts, and especially on the anniversaries of the many hard fights we had in France, not always unsuccessful.

I wish I could come to Niagara and join your pienie party in July, but this year I am afraid it is impossible. I still hope to be able to come next year.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you.

Yours very sincerely, (sd) Mottistone.

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The Editor, The Goat.

Some years ago I painted a picture of the charge of the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Moreuil Wood on March 30, 1918. This picture has since been hung in the officers' mess of the B.C. Hussars in Vancouver. Since however it might interest some of those who took part in that action I am sending you a photographer's copy of it and if you see fit you could reproduce it in one of the copies of "The Goat". Although not actually in the charge itself. (I was in 'A' Sqn. at the time and we dismounted at the edge of the wood and went to the support of B. Squadron.) I was near enough to see what took place so that I know it is correct in the main details. Commemorating one of the highlights in the history of the old regiment I believe some of those who took part in that engagement will get a kick out of seeing depicted in black and white.

I remain, Yours truly. E. A. KING, Sgt. 4th Troop, A Sqdn. R.C.D.



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Part IX

Summer of 1917

From Athies the Regiment marched on July 14th to Cappy proseeding on the 15th to Mericourt l'Abbe and on the 16th and 17th respectively to Authieule and Hernscourt, near St. Pol. At Hernicourt the Regiment remained in bivouac and billets until October 5th. During this period, training, tactical exercise. field firing, sports, and inspections were carried out and a number of men were sent to Great The Cavalry Britain on leave. Corps Commander Lt.-Gen. C. T. McM. Kavanagh, C.V.O., C.B., D. S.O. inspected the Regiment and expressed himself as exceptionally pleased with the turnout and hor-3.S.

The Ypres Salient

On October 6th, 1917, the Royal Canadian Dragoons, marched from Hernicourt at 8.15 a.m. and in pouring rain, proceeded by way of Pernes, Lilers and St. Venant, to Steenvoorde, where billets were occupied at 3.30 p.m. in the afternoon. Continuing the march by way of Hazelbrouck and Steenvoorde next day, the Regiment, soaked by incessant rain reached a position one mile west of Poperinghe and there occupied bivouacs in a muddy field. Rain continued on October 8th. but on the 9th tents arrived and in these the men found a measure of protection.

From October 9th to 14th officers of the Regiment, in pairs reconnoitered the British front fron near Passchendaele, where the Australian Corps was holding an area of endless mud in which landmarks had been obliterated desolat on reigned supreme and an incomplete network of partially destroyed duck-boards Infantry tracks provided the only lines of commun cation. Cavary action in this area the camluf aged forward concent-

remember it forever, as it was here, some weeks later, that the Canadian Corps fought a series of act ons in which, at a cost of 16,404 casualties, Passchendaele was wrested from the enemy.

Training Resumed

On October 16th the Regiment marched by way of Cassel to bivouac at Clairmara.s. The hill at Cassel attracted attention for it is famous as the slope up and down which the brave old Duke of York of legend, marched his ten thousand men. On October 17th and 18th, the Regiment continued its march to the Boubers Area, where training became the order of the day. A 5th Cavalry Division P.oneer Battalion, under the command of Lt.-Col. D. D. Young R.C.D. was organized for work near Ypres. The R.C.D. quota was 31 other ranks, plus the dismounted reinforcements, and on the 18th those selected left by lorry, in charge of Lt. T. A. James, to join the dismounted reinforcements at Bailleul.

Following the departure of this d tachment, training and Brigade schools provided the Regiment al activities from Oct. 19th-31st. On the 22nd Lt. A, V. S. Nordhelmer joined the Regiment on transfer from the 8th Canad an Infantry Brigade and on November 8th Capt. R B. Nordheimer left for the Hotchkiss Gun School at Le Touquet Meanwinie, in the period from November 1st to 8th the Regiment had taken part in Brigade training exercises. When the e were concluded, the Royal Canadian Dragoons started a march which, on November 13tl brought the regiment to a camp East of Peronne. From 14th-19ti raining was carried out, and the Reciment was visited by the Co.p. and Divisional Command r. who announced impending operation In preparation for these, the details from the Ploneer Battalion were recalled on November 17th

Cambrai

On November 28th, 1917, the Royal Canadian Dragoons marhed with the Canadian Cavary Brigade soon after midnight and afor passing through Lieramont Nurlu and Equancourt, reached ration point of the Division near Fins, at 4 a.m.

At 6.20 o'clock that morning, General Sir Julien Bying launched the British Third Army, including many tanks, in the now famous surprise attack on a twove mile front before Cambrai; and at 12.15 p.m. the Canadian Cavalry Brigade acting as advanceguard of the 5th Cavalry Division was ordered to proceed with all speed to the crossing of the Canal de L'Escaut at Masnieres. For this operation a squadron of the 2nd Dragoons Royal Scots Greys was attached to the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

With the Fort Garry Horse leading the Brigade advanced as ordered, reaching the canal just west of Masnieres at 2.15 p.m. Here it was discovered that a British tank had broken down the only bridge by which cavalry might cross the Canala; and that the Germans were still in possesion of the Masnieres-Beaurevoir line on the ridge to the east of the Canal and River.

A squadron of the Fort Garry Horse had earlier in the afternoon, with the help of commandeered civilian labour repaired other bridges across the Canal and river and had gallantly crossed over, but lost heavily, and won its way back only with the greatest difficulty. Accordingly orders for the further advance of the cavalry were cancelled and, after dark, the Royal Canadian Dragoons withdrew to spend the night in an open field.

November 21st, 1917

Throughout the operations, Lt. Cochran, R.C.D., was attached to General Seely's staff, and Lt. T. A. James, R.C.D., acted as the General's galloper, in this capacity being send to reconnoitre the bridges, to cross the cana', and get in touch with the infantry. Later, in view of a possible adance necessitating guides, Lt D. Gywn, R.C.D. crossed the canal and was shown the British and enemy dispositions

Meanwhile, at noon, the Royal Canadian Dragoons were detailed as advance-guard to the Brigade and were ordered to cross the river and canal and move around the right flank of Rumilly. The Regiment moved forward accordingly, under brisk fire from field guns and reached Masnieres, only to learn that a German counterattack has forestalled the British attack and had pushed the infantry back across the bridge between Masnieres and Crevecoeur which has been assigned for Canadian Cavalry Brigade crossing.

Owing to the new situation. cava ry action was impossible and the Brigade was moved out to the right flank, where it took up a dismounted position in support of the infantry for the remainder of the day. At about 7 p.m. the regiment was ordered to withdraw a short distance behind this position and the horses were off-sad-

November 22nd, 1917

At about 1 a.m. enemy shaling increased, and 'B' Squ. Major R. S. Timmis, was ordered back into the position vacated a few hours before. Later, in accordance with orders received, the Regiment Marched back to Equancourt, arriving at approximately 1.30 p.m. Men and horses had had little sleep since the night of the 19th and it had been impossible to water the horses only once, under cover of a heavy mist on the morning of the 21st, so the move to Equancourt, though mark ng the end of the Regiment's probable service in the battle, was not withut compensating advantages.

The German Counter-Attack

After moving with the Canadian Cavalry Brigade to Suzanne on November 23rd and there standing-to from November 24th to 26th under orders to be ready to move in forty minutes' notice, the Regiment marched to huts and stables at Mericourt sur Somme on to 27th and there, in the two days

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that followed, received remounts stores and equipment.

Interrupting the process of reequipping, a message at 9.15 in the morning of November 30th ordered a stand to at thirty minutes' notice, and was followed five minutes later by, orders for a Brigade concentration at a cross-roads near Estrees-en-Chaussee. reason for these orders was at the time obscure but soon it was larned that the Germans had broken through the British Lines and that the situation on the front wa critical.

Moving off in fighting equipment soon after the orders to advance were received, the Royal Canadian Dragoons reached the concentration point at 0.35 a.m. and followed the Ambala and Secunderabad Brigades, proceeded by way of Roisel and Villers Faucon to Jacqueene Copse.

From this position, the Canadian

with the Royal Canadian Dragoons as advance-guard 'C' Squadron under MajorE. L. Caldwell being in the lead. About half a mile north of Epehy, "C" Squadron came under sharp machine gun and rifle fire, but advanced to a ridge topping a gentle rise of ground and there dug in front of the infantry line: 'A' Squadron Major W. H. Bell, was sent to advance, by way of Vaucelette Farm, and, encountering opposition from a ridge near the farm, dismounted and took up a position nearby; and 'B' Squadron Major R. S. Timmis occupied a dismounted position near 'C' Squadron.

To the left the Royal Canadian Dragoons in these positions, with a number of scattered groups between was Lord Strathcona's Horse, and to the Right, beyond Vaucelette Farm, stood units of the Indian Cavalry. |The fort Garry Horse was in reserve. Casualties had good work had been accomplished recognition of which was afforded Sergt. Parkinson and Pte. Forham who had displayed great bravery.

December 1st, 1917

Early in the morning the led horses. under Capt. T. R. G. Newcomen were taken back behind a railway about one thousand yards to the south-west. Orders were received for a mounted reserve consisting of Fort Garry Horse, 2 squadrons, Lord Strathcona's Horse, and 1 squadron Royal Canadian Dragoons to hold itself in readiness from daybreak to co-operate in a projected attack with tanks by the infantry, the objective on the right being Beet Factory and on the left Gauche Wood, with the final objective of the combined force, the village of Villers-Guislain. 'B' Squadron Royal

to part of this reserve whilst 'A' and 'C' Squadrons maintained their positions in the trenches.

This mounted reserve stood-to until about 3 p.m. when orders were given to the Canadian Cavalry Brigade to attack (Dismounted.) Chapel Crossing and the high ground between Gauere Wood and a road junetion near Vaucelette Farm, joining up with the infantry brigade on the right at this junction and with the Guards Division on the left in Gauche Wood.

Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) attacking the German position near Chapel Crossing, was held up at a railway enbankment and two squadrons of the Fort Garry Horse and 'C' Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoins, were sent forward. The attack then advanced. occupying and consolidating the German positions and linking up on the Cavalry advanced at 3.30 p.m. been light up to this time, but Canadian Dragoons was selected right with 'A' Squadron Royal

Canadian Dragoons and the infantry in Vaucellette Farm and on the left as ordered with the Guards Division in Gauche Wood.

Lt. V. Crothers, R.C.D. lost an arm in this attack and later received the Military Cross. There were more casualties in the Regiment than on the preceding day but the total remained relatively low. On both days there were a number of horse casulties.

That night at 10.30 o'clock the Canadian Cavalry Brigade upon relief by the 17th (D.C.O.) Lancers and the 6th Cavalry of the 4th Indian Cavalry Division, withdrew to the led horses, continuing the withdrawal next day to Jacquenne Copse here the Brigade remained all day, saddled up as a mounted reserve to the 4th Cavalry Division and the infantry holding the line. At 7 p.m. the Regiment off saddled.

Roisel And Montecourt

On December 3rd the Regiment marched to Roisel and went into bivouac to the south-east of the wrecked town. Orders were received that the Canadian Cavalry Brigade was reserve to the troops in the Cavalry Corps Sector and must be ready to move at short notice.

From December 4th to 17th, the Regiment remained at Roisel training, sending forward a number of officers in pairs for reconnaisance of the front line, supplying dally parties of approximately 300 men to dig support trenches and carrying out routine. Training was continued after December 17th when the Regiment marched to Hutments at Montecourt, where it celebrated its third Christmas in France and where it remained for a month, thereafter.

The Trenches Again

On January 25th, 1918, Lieut. T. A. James and six N.C.O's and men from each squadron left Montecourt to reconnoitre the front line trench system held by the 19th Hussars and to act as guide to the Regiment, which took over the line on January 26th. The trench party consisted of 9 officers—Maj. Bowie. Capt. Newcomen and 198 other ranks. On the 27th Lieut Drury arrived to relieve Lt. James.

Active patrolling marked the period that followed, a number of

"Moreuil Wood" March 30th, 1918.

The great German attack of March 21st had been launched and their Armies had pushed through nearly to their 1914 line. The following is an account of the Capture of Moreuil Wood taken from 'Adventure' by Major Gen. J. E. B. Seely, who commanded the Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

It had been an unparalleled disaster, guns in thousands had been captured, men had been killed and wounded in tens of thousands, and cut off and captured unwounded in ten's of thousands. The whole 5th Army was almost destroyed, but our men had given as good a; they got. We know now how true this was. Ludendorf, in his memoirs, speaks haughtily of the capture of eighty to ninety thousand prisoners in the first few days; he does not disclose the frightful casualties, three times that number, inflicted on his advancing hosts by the tenac our British, Australasian and Canad an soldiers.

General Diebold issued a spe-

parties from the Regiment pushing forward at night and returning with valuable information regarding the enemy's dispositions and wire. On January 30th following relief by the Fort Garry Horse, the Regiment moved into Brigade Reserve near Le Verguier, with battle positions in the Brown Line.

February 1918

On January 31st and on F. bruary 1st and 2nd the Regiment provided officer patrols into the enemy wire and No Man's Land, and working parties in the front lines. On the 3rd the unit relieved Lord Strathcona's Horse Royal Canad'ans in the right front sector of the Brigade, with 'A' and 'B' Squadron n the front line and 'C' Squadron in reserve. The Regiment remained n this sector until the night of February 6th. During this time patiols were active, most of th. officers and men being into or near the enemy wire at some time ach night. On the night of February 6, in the regiment was relieved and moved to reserve at Pieumel Quarry.

cial "Order of the Day" which in most generous terms the action of the British and Canadian Cavalry under my command.

But, indeed, throughout this time of terrible ordeal, the cavalry rendered service of a value out of all proportion to their numbers. Pitman's Force, Harman's Force. Bertram, Portias Brigade, and many others, were here, there and everywhere, delaying the enemy, striking him in the fank. Without them I am quite sure the retreat of March 1918 would have been a debacle, and Germany would have won the war.

We fought delaying actions west of Noyon and at Montdidier, where Harvey of Strathcona's again distinguished himself. I told him to reconnoitre Fontaine-sou Montdidier; by a brillant little manoeuvre he attacked and took the place.

On the evening of March 29th, we lay at Boves. Early in the morning of March 30th Pitman came to see me. He told me that the German advance continued, and that the situation was grave in the extreme; the German advance guard had already captured the Moreuil Ridge, and were pouring troops into the Bois de Moreuil on the Amiens side of the ridge. Villers-Bretonneux, on the ridge further north, was still held by us, but was being very heavily attacked. I remember his final words, "Go to the support of the infantry just beyond Castel, this side of the Moreuil Ridge

Don't get too heavily involved—you will be needed later." Pitman was a cool hand if ever there was one. From the way he spoke I knew that things were pretty desperate.

We were soon on our way. The roads were blocked with men and vehicles of all kinds, but the country was open, and we moved straight across it at a trot.

At a cross road we found the French General, commanding the division on our right. Our front line was spread out before us. some six hundred yards away, just across the River Luce. Enemy fire same from the low part of the Bois de Mozuil, some fourteen hundred yards away, but as we turned the corner behind the little house where the French General stood we were in complete security.



Short sighted M.O. Chest 56!

I saw at once that the position was desperate, if not fatal. If the Amiens to Paris would be definitely broken, and I knew already that when that happened the two armies-the French and the British-would be compelled to retire the French on Paris, and our Army on the Channel ports. All our sea power, even the great host of determined soldiers now crossng from the United State; would not avail to save the Allied cause. All that we had fought for, and bled for, for nearly four y ars would be lost.

I asked the French General what the position was. He said that the enemy was still advancing in overwhelming force; that strong detachments were already on the outskirts of the village of Moreuil, some two miles to our right; that his right flank was unprotected, and that he had already sent orders to his troops to fall back.

I must ask those who have read this book to bear with me and believe that what I now write is true. I knew that moment to be the supreme event of my life. I believed that if nothing were done the retreat would continue, and the war would be lost.

I said to the French General: "We must retake the Moreui Ridge." He replies: "Yes, if we do not, all is lost, but it cannot be done." I said: I have ample troops, and will send the orders now. Will you send orders to stand fast in Moreuil?" He saw from my badges of rank that I was only a brigadier, and said: "But your



poor little force cannot do it. The Germans have a whole division in the wood this side of the ridge" I answered I have the who'e of the Briitsh cava'ry coming to support me, and following me, le 'grand push' Foch.' Foch had been appointed Command-in-Chief three days earlier and rumour which flies jumped off and opened fire. so swiftly in all armies had it that a great mass of manoeuvre under his command was coming to deliver the counter stroke. I do not think the French general believed me, but he saw that I was in deadly earnest. He said: 'Very well. let us send our orders." I gave mine to Connolly for the capture of the ridge: the French General at once sent his orderly with precise orders to hold on to Moreuil at all costs. Then, with my aide-de-camp, an orderly with a little red pennant and my signal troop, I galloped down the hill, across the bridge over the Luce, through a field of young wheat and over a road to our line. A few bullets flew about, but not many, for we were in dead ground,

except to the enemy at the point of the wood.

Our infantry opened a g'orious fire on both sides of us as we galloped on. Five out of about twelve of my signal troop were shot by the enemy, but the remaining seven reached the wood

The orders I had sent back to the commanders of my oncoming horsemen were as follows. After crossing the River Luce and our own front line. The Royal Canadian Dragoons were to send one squadron to the right of the Bois de Moreuil, occupy the south-east. corner, and get in touch with the French in the south-east of the village of Moreuil. The other two squadrons were to gallop round the leat of the wood and endeavour to seize the north east corner of it.

Lord Strathcona's Horse were to follow close behind these two squadrons, and send one squadron forward to gallop right round the north-east corner, engage the German reinforcements who were entering the wood, by mounted attack, and having dispersed them, occupy the eastern face of the wood. The remaining two squadrons of Strathcona's were to enter the wood just beyond my headquarters at the southern point. f ght their way through and join their comrades on the eastern face. Fort Garry's were to be in reserve with me, ready to occupy the high ground between Moreuil and Hangard, and thus get in touch with out troops still holding Villiers.

Soon the brigade arrived. It is curious how galloping horses seem to magnify in power and number: it looked like a great host sweeping forward over the open country. I galloped up to Flowerdew, who commanded the leading squadron of Strathcona's, and as we rode along together I told him that his was the most adventurous task of al, but that I was confident he would succeed. With his gentle smile he turned to me and said: "I know, sir, I know, it is a splendid moment, I will try not to fail you."

The Dragoons just ahead of us had suffered heavily and had failed to reach the north-east corner. But they had furned into the wood and engaged the enemy. The air was alive with bullets, but nobody minded a bit. It was strange to see the horses roll over like rabbits and the men, when unwounded, jump up and run forward, scinetimes catching the stirrupps of their still mounted comrades.

I went with Flowerdew to where we could see round the corner of the wood. He had lost comparatively few men up till then. He whee'ed his four troops into line, and with a wild shout, a hundred yards in front of his men, charged down on the long thin column of germans, marching into the wood. What happened is best described in the reserved language recording his Victoria Cross, posthumous

A short time later, when I arrived on the eastern face with the supporting squadron I found the survivors of this desperate charge securely ensconced in a little ditch.

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which bordered the wood, in twos and threes, each with a German machine-gun and with three or foun Germans lying dead by their side. It was recorded that seventy Germans were killed by sword thrust alone outside the wood. I saw perhaps another two or three hundred lying there, who had been killed by machine gun fire. In those brief moment's we lost over eight hundred horses, but only three hundred men killed and wounded. The fanatical valour of my men on this strange day was equalled by the Bavarian defenders now surrounded in the wood. Hundreds of them holding on to the south-east corner. Hundreds more stood their ground and were shot at point-blank range or were killed with bayonet. Not one single man surrendered.

I sent messages to Pitman and to the French Divisional Command er at Castel, telling them of our success. It was necessary too to get a message to Villiers-Bretonneux. a few miles to our left on the same ridge which we had captured. Villiers-Bretonneux was completely hidden by a dense cloud of black smoke illumined each second by the bright flashes of the bursts of the German big shells. In all my experience I had never seen such an intense concentrated bombardment. I gave identical written messages to Antoine d'Arleans and to Colone! Young of the Dragoons, also on my staff, telling them to gallop by different outes into Villiers-Bretonneux, find the commander, describe our position and assure him that 1 was confident of being able to hold on to our portion of the ridge for the rest of the day. Young was to try and get through direct. Anloins had only gone 300 yards when his horse was shot dead. He jumped up unhurt, waving h's hand for another horse. My orderly. Corporal King, (now Q.M.S.I. T. King, R.C.D.) galloped up to him and gave him his hor e, a so a very fast animal. It was wonderful to see Antoine swing himself he got through, and gave the message to both the Australian and into saddle completely unconcornad and gallop off again. This time British commanders in Villiers-Bretonneux. It is a most precious recollection to me that for his gallant action on this day Marshall

presence with the order of a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Young, too, got through to Villiers-Bretonneux; the account that he and Antoine brought of the intense enemy shelling and the concentrated rifle and machine gun fire, gave me some idea of the terrib'e ordeal through which the Australian and British defenders were passing.

Both commanders replied to my message that they could hold on to their place and would be obligif we could hold on to ours. I like to think that our recapture of Moreuil Ridge helped the heroic defenders of Villiers-Bretonneux certainly but for them, we should have been surrounded and destroy

We held the position and extended our line to the left towards Hangard. By that time the whole of the Fort Garry Horse were engaged, and I had no further reserves. But then Geoffrey Brooke came up with the 16th Lancers following him.

He brought up his regiment and drove back a line of Germans who had never been completely driven out of the wood. Indeed but for him and the rest of the cavary, which General Pitman had made avai able to send up in support, we could never have held on. As it was we did hold on. A month later when I met Foch and Weygand his Chief of Staff, the latter said: While you held on to that ridge I got ninety five batteries of seventy fives into position, and during the ensuing thirty-six hours they fired one million, three hundred thousand shells." As night fell the enemy shelling increased in intensity; for two, or three hours shells of all calibres rained on the wood including much gas shell.

All through the fight from the first moment of attack, our two batteries of Royal Canadian Horse Artillery made the most wonderfully close and accurate shooting. After all these years we knew each other so wel, and El kins and his gunners knew the r guns so well that we knew we were safe in the closest barrage. Elkin had his forward observers with their te'ephones up in the fron' line, who at any moment. could and did direct a fiece fire on any

darkness the relief was a long business, but at 2.30 a.m. on March 31. it was complete, and Connolly and I rode back to a ruined house just over the River Luce, which Antoine had found for our headquarters.

In a earlier Chapter in this book Gen. Seely has described similar services rendered by the British Cavalry in the retreat from Mons 1914. He goes on to say: "It is the strangest non sequitur in military history that, as a result of a great war in which the cava!rv on the Western Front twice saved our Army from ruin, while the lionhearted Philip Chetwode, with a great part of the cavalry of the empire struck the decisive blow to end the war on the Eastern Front, the cavalry should have been reduced to half their previous number. I pray that wiser counsels may some day prevail.

NEWS OF OTHER DAYS TEN YEARS AGO

Items taken from The Goat of March 1924;

A farewell dinner was held in the Officers Mess, the Cavalry Baracks on February 18th. Major and Mrs. E. L. Caldwell, who are leaving this station for Winnipeg Major Caldwell having been appointed D.A.A. and Q.M.G. of the district.

The following officers and "Other Ranks" were present:-Major and Mrs. E. L. Caldwell, Major and Mrs. D. B. Bowie, Maj. and Mrs. H. Stethem, Lt. and Mrs. L. D. Hammond, Mrs. E. H. Drury, Nursing Sister Squire, Major R. B. Nordheimer, Capt. D. A. Grant, Capt. N. M. Halkett and Capt. M. A. H. Drury.

Maj. R. B. Nordheimer had been transferred from Toronto to St. Johns to take over the duties of 2nd in command of 'A' Squadron. Although he is a stranger to St. Johns, he is not a stranger to 'A' Squadron having had the honour to serve with and latterly to command it, during the war.

S.S.M. T. A. Aisthorpe, D.C.M., M.M. of the Instructional Cadre, R.C.D. has been promoted Q.M.S. I. from the 11th September 1923, Q.M.S.I. Aisthorpe is now attach-About midnight an infantry bri- ed to Military Distrist No. 3 and Foch himself invested him in my gade came up to relieve us. In the is at present employed in Ottawa,

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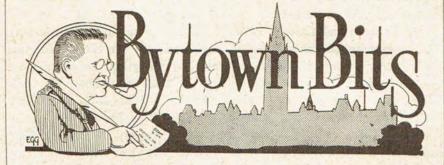
where he is conducting a Hotchkiss gun class for the P.L.D.G.'s

The following is a list of the Officers who occupied quarters in the old Rosedale Barracks burned last month-Lieut.-Col. Russel Royal Canadian Engineers, Maj. W. Baty, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Maj. Lutton. Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, Captain J. Wood, Royal Canadian Dragoons and Lieut. C. S. Jones, Army Medical Corps.

Capt. R. B. Leb'anc, R.C.D. has returned from Montreal, where he has been attached to Headquarters, Military D'strict No. 4 for the past three months.

Two troopers were discussing the respective merits of their Fathers. "You know my old man gets so absent minded at times, the other day he went to get on his bicycle and fell off because it was not there," remarked one.

"Yeh, mine is funny that way too, the other night he struck a match to see if he had blown the candle out."



numerous changes that occur every year in the service brought Lieut.-Col. D. J. MacDonald from Calgary, where he had been A. A. and Q.M.G., for M.D. No. 13 to Headquarters on the first of the month. Lieut.-Col. 'Hootch' MacDona'd will be remembered by all old members of the CanadianCav alry Brigade as the last commanding officer of the L.S.H. (R.C.) during the war.

Sergeants Dance:-The annual ball of the Ottawa Garrison. Sergeants Association will be held in the Chateau Laurier, on the evening of the 16th of March.

Paardeburg:- The Ottawa South African Veteran Association again honored the anniversa- C. F. Winter.

Comes to Ottawa: One of the ry of the battle of Paardeburg on the 27th of February. At nine o'clock in the morning they paraded in front of the South African monument in Confederation Park and a wreath was laid at the base by Miss Marjorie Cook, daughte: of ex-Mayor Fred Cook, who was mayor of Ottawa during the year following the South African War. Bugle Major C. A. Day sounded Last Post and Reveille and a brief address was given by Major G. H. A. Collins, the president of the association. In the evening the annual dinner was held in Standish Hall, when the guest speaker was Mayor General, W. H. Griesbach. Others present included Major-General J. H. MacBrien, Major-General H. A. Panet and Brigadier General

All Quiet:-Some months there is news to burn and in others nothing much out of the ordinary happens. That is so this time as outside of the provisional school and the Militia Staff course there is very little stirring in the Ottawa Garrison. All units are busy at lectures and preparing for the spring training but there has been no outstandling event of importance.

Now on Duty:-Major Milton F. Gregg, V.C., M.C., late the R. C.R. has arrived to assume his duties as Sergeant of Arm's of the House of Commons in sucession to the late Lieut. Colonel H. J. Coghill. Major Gregg is no stranger to the city having resided here for a few years after the war.

Vets Parliament:-The annual meeting of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. and of the Amputation Association were held in Ottawa on the week commencing the 11th instant. Members of these organizations from all over Canada attended. The meetings opened on Sunday the 11th when a memorial

service was he'd in the Chateau Laurier. This was largely attended His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Bessborough, the Hon. R. B. Bennett and other high dignitaries of state being present. On Tuesday over 1500 veterans marched to the House of Commons when wreaths were laid at the foot of the Altar of Sacrifice. In the evening the dinner was held at which over 1300 were present.

Attended Convention: - Among the many who attended the annual meeting of the B.E.S.L. Canadian Legion was Lieut. Colonel W. Rhodes, D.S.O., R.C.D. He is looking as chirpy as every and seems to belong to the group of immortals who grow old gracefully.

The Canadian Cavalry in the March 1918, German Offensive.

Taken from the War Diary

The Canadian Brigade were with the Third Cav. Div. the 6th Bde; 1st R. Dragoons, 3rd D.G. 10th Hussars. The 7th Bde; 6th D., 17th Lancers, 7th D.G. We had 4 batteries of Horse Artillery. On night of March 20 we had information that the Boche were go to try and break through. The Hindenburg line was held by 5 weak divisions of the 5th Army. The 3rd Cav. Div. were at Athie the 2nd and 1st Divs, were in raserve. The barrage started at 2 a.m. the 21st. It was terrific, covering a depth of ten miles. They were using 5.9 guns in the back areas and a lot of gas. We stood -to at dawn and saddled up at noon and left our bivouac about 3 p.m. We moved due East through Ham' and found that all the bridges were already mined. We halted at Villeselve and were inform ed that the 3 cavalry divisions ed that the three cavalry divisions were to be dismounted and to be pushed into the line to help to 5th Army, Each Regiment sent about 80 men commanded by a major. The R.C.D. sent 220 men under Major Timmis. The remainder of the units looked after the horses, that were sent back some ten miles. Each Regiment had its of ammunition. We stayed all night very much stronger. They remain ther up North, Capt. Cunning-

in an orchard in the rain and the next morning we moved to Villequier Aumont and occupied a position in the Bois Faillouel. The enemy were still on the other side of the canal at Jussy after some terrible attempts to cross. Our Hotchkiss guns mowed the mdown in hundreds and in places the canal was full up with the enemy dead. We had very little artifery except our own horse guns. The enemy drive had temporarily eased off, but early in the morning of the 23rd the 54th Bde, under Gen. Sadlier (ex 5th Lancer) sent an S.O.S. for help. Just before the sun rose the R.C.D. went off to their aid. On the way we got shelled a lot and had several casualties. It was very foggy, so that one could not see many yards. This was fortunate, because we learne. later that we were only a few yards from the Boche as we moved across his front but they did not know who we were. Jackson's Bde, were reduced to a handful so they welcomed us warmly. The Boche made many attempts to drive us back but did not seem to be very bold, fortunately for us. We counter-attacked on one or two occasions and did not have much trouble in restoring the position temporarily. We reported that we could hold on indefinitely if we could get more ammunition. Our only worry was if our flank would hold in. We could see the Boche guns firing with open sights Whenever the Infantry showed their heads we would give them a dose of our rifles and Hotchkiss and down they would go again. We saw no British Planes that day, but the Boche planes wou'd dive drop coloured down close and Verey lights on top of us, as signals to their gunners. That evenng we got orders to retire our line to straighten it out, as the flanks had been unable to hold The Fort Garry's had joined by this time. We had to retire about a mile and to pass through Faillouel, which was a she'l-torn village. The R.C.D. were to be the rear to this force. The enemy were on both sides of us on the high ground. When we we found the got to Faillouel, Boche there first, so we had to work a bit of strategy. Fortur ately they were not too bold as 12 Hotchkiss guns had 4000 rounds they must have thought we were

ed at one end and plastered the road with a machine gun fire. We divided the road and had extraordinary few casualties. Three of the R.C.D's got hit with expanding bullets; but with the help of volunteers they were all carried or whoeled in barrows to the new line and evacuated. We eventually reached our new line with very few casualties. We were ordered to ho'd this position until the Frenc! who were coming up, had made proper defences; when we were to hand over to them. The French came up and dug all night and in the morning we withdrew through them. Earlier in the night we lost very heavily from Boche shelling and from enemy MG at close range. The R.C.D. lost over half the'r Hotchkiss crews. We owned our successes in the rear-guard action to the Hotchkiss guns more than anything else and to the wonderful grit of the crews. Lt. Gwynn was very severely wounded this night. The Boche bayonnetted a number of our wounded earlier that show but we could do nothing to help them. The R.C.D. dismounted party that night was reduced to about 120 men. After handing over to the French we were ordered to report back to the 3rd Cav. Div. H. Q. which we found at Ugny. We got some rations on arrival and as they had sent up enough for the original strength of the party, most of the men got double. We were then ordered to move South and re-inforced the French. We moved down to Appi'ly to join the 50th French Division and there we joined the rest of the Dismounted parties of the Bde. and Gen r! See'ey, who that night had a very lucky escape when his H.Q. was blown to pieces We bivouced in a wheat field and of course it ra ned. Next morning we sent 200 of our men across the canal to Querzy to help a French unit. L as we were crossing the bridge the Boche made a direct hit with a 5.9 and took half the bridge away. A second shell took the rest of the bridge away just after the last of us had crossed without harm. We he'd the high ground with the French that day and that night we were moved South to Compeigne to divert a moment: on the 23rd a second foot party was drawn from those who were with the horses to reinforce fur-

ham was in charge of the R.C.D's in this party. We fought with the French ot Sempigny, as they intended to hold the fortress of Noyon at all costs. Cunningham was killed in this action, he second in command of 'B' Sqn.

main dismounted party had their horses sent to them on the 25th, we were certainly glad to see our long-faced friend again. The rest of the other dismounted party joined us with their horses late on the same day. Of course numerous reinforcements had been sent up to mount the horses, who original riders become casualties. On the night of the 25th we once more slept with our horses and it did not rain. On the 26th we moved at an early hour to Sempigny and joined the rest of the Brigade, who were a'l mounted now. On one occasion French bridge was blown up close to us and the shock sent one of our horse mad and it had to shot. The R.C.D's and the French got on very well together these days, especially when they found that so many of the Canadians could speak French, La that night we had to move back to Compeigne. We left at dusk and passed a whole French Army Comps moving up in lorries to reinforce the line towards Noyon. Their lightness of transport and surplus kit was a severe lesson to us who were apt to carry about so much stuff. We reached Compeignenin the night and there assisted the French. The city had been evacuated. Next day we left the Third Cov. Div and went to the second Div. consisting of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Bdes. We stayed the night of 27th at Arsy, where we got our men and horses into billets, as the village was empty. At 2 a.m. the 28th we got orders to move at once, and at 4 a.m. we moved. It was just getting light. We moved across country in a forced March to Wells, then through St. Just and direct North. The staff did not know where the front line was as the Boche was trying to push through to Amiens. We were continually getting false orders and reports from German spies dressed up as officers of the Allies. Several were caught and shot. On the afternoon of the 28th we co-operated with the French Cav. we were now near Montdidier, S.E. of Amien;



We had to leave some men dismounted forward and to take the R.C.D. horses back three miles to Sains. It poured all that night and we got soaked to the skin. The night of the 29th the dismounted men rejoined us and we had to make a forced night march north to Morisel. We had a few hours rest on reaching Morisel and at dawn we were ordered to be ready to move to meet the Boche drive directly East of Amiens. We crossed the river at Caste'. General Rawlinson now commanded the army in which we were the 4th. We were 9 kilometers from Am'en;. This line was to be held at all costs. The Army Commander told us that he had called on the Cavalry as he knew they cou'd hold on the last man. Everyone was determined to do it and with General Seeley in command of the Canadian Bde, we were chosen to be the first to go int. meet the Boche, Our Squadro were now only about 100 strong, instead of 170. All three squadrons of the R.C.D's who were the leading Regt. charged supported by the L.S.H. The famous Bois de Moreuil and also many enemy pirsoners were taken. Our casualties were very heavy. Major Victor Nordheimer, who was second in command of 'B' Sqn. was killed. The Geman advance had been definte'y checked and that nght the line was taken over by the British 8th Division, and later reinforced by French as well. That day the R.C.D. explosive pack mule way blown up. The same night we went back across the river into the Bo's de Seneca in reserve. Next the Regt. was ordered to make a dismounted attack and drive the enemy out of Rifle Wood which was the North of the Bois de Moeruil. Capt. Newcomen had charge of this party of 200 R.C.D., who took the wood with comparatively few casualties, on April 1st. For the next few days the Cavalry did mounted patrolling along the front, and acted as liaison between the different units and the staffs On 5th April the line was so well consolidated that the Cavalry were moved back close to Amiens, and from thence North, where the Boche had stated another push.r But they made no great success in that part. The Cavalry had then to restore themselves to their war strength. This was done with us by these two pachydermical "this

having men sent from the Canadian Corps who had previous experience with Cavalry or at any rate with horses. But we had very little time t oget our recruits into shape. The regiment remained near Bethume for several weeks in Reserve and then moved down opposite Albert, where they did dismounted work for a while.

A Squadron was commanded by Capt. Roy Nordheimer and 'C Sqn. by Capt. Newcomen, The Regiment was commanded by Col. Van Straubenzie.

Toronto Notes.

ACTIVITIES ABROAD

On February 22nd, 1934 an intrepid band of some dozen brave and two very fair Dragoons left Toronto for points North, and Hockey Match in Beaverton, Giving a long last look at the dry cold of Toronto, the dauntless band of explorers bravely pointed their their noses North, and set out in a flest of three cars, that 2 Fords, and 1 Limousine (of uncertain vintage). The trek into the Far North was made without the aid of compass or map, and the first stage, namely the bridging of the gap between Toronto and Beaverton was made with very little serious mishap, the few halts occasioned by the erratic conduct and ungentleman'y behaviour of the Limous'n3 (of uncertain vintage) being more an occasion for merriment than distress or inconvenience, and it was a cheerful if somewhat chilly party of braves who finally drew up side of the imposing entrance of the Beaverton Hotel (we forgot the name), where with flags flying, and some people handy to welcome the visitors from civilization the boys were soon made at home in the Bridal Suite of the same Hotel. A brief pause for refreshments and the party repaired to the Rink. As the only Press representative present we naturally wanted to see the home team before we gave out an Official Forecast, and one good look at the Beaverton defence (two men, total weight 440 pounds) convinced us that all was not quite as well on the Western Front as is generarally believed. However, after the game was started we noticed that word is another of our own" defence were something like the Mountain in Hamilton, easy to get around (we hope one ever sends them a copy of the Goat) and we a'so noticed that the Bearcats could play hockey. The highlights of the game, apart from the score, were: the playing of the injured Douglass, The stamina of Smith, (vas you dere) the nonchalent manner in which Johnny Walker cha ked up the disputed goal, for our team without even shifting the angle of his cigar, the look of the Home teams' goalie when he discovered that he was not impregnable, and the stellar work in goal by the sponsor of this programme, Jack Davidson. It was a good game to watch, and not at all a bad one to listen to. While some of the spectators may have been in doubt as to who the visitors were, everyone knew who the home team was, and the terrific vocal efforts for the home 'fans' more than drowned out the soprano efforts of our own two supporters. It was a treat to see the way our lads smiled as the score mounted against them, and continued to play as if it was for the World's Hockey Championship, and "loser-goesback-in-the-rumble seat." The home team played a nice brand of hockey, and were strong in substitutes, a department in whch we were sorely lacking.

After the game, further refreshments were handed out at the home of Dave, and the party embussed again at 11 p.m. in the same order, and with suite a few fervent prayers directed at the imousine (of uncertain vintage.) We had not made much progress before it was evident that our prayers were of no use, the limousine (O.U.V.) again asserting its independence, and neutrality, and after a little whispered bad language had been directed at it, the very Fair

Dragoons were sent on in another car, or Ford, and the other Ford swallowed its dignity sufficiently to tow the limousine, to Whitby where after a mechanic had made it behave, it washanded over to Ernie. Ernie, whose other name is Butler has long since earned respect as a driver of no uncertain skill. Placed at the wheel of car anywhere. he mmediately, conjurs up thoughts of his bed, and in less time than it takes to tell, he has the car parked n Barracks. The does n. mean that he is reckless, althoug he has piled up an imposing record of Disregarded Traffic Laws, and on this occasion, he piloted the limousine, etc, from Whitby to Toronto in 24 minutes, and was only stopped twice. (once when he dropped his cigarette butt out the window, and once when he passed a cop so fast that he thought the T. T. C. had gone berserk.)

A very enjoyable trip, thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part, and this of course calls for a hearty vote of thanks to the sponsor. We hope for other trips of this nature before the winter is over.

HOCKEY

"B" Sqn. R.C.D. 2-Ki.chener Legion 3

The Kitchener branch of the Canadian Legion sent a team down on Saturday February 17, and played the Squadron team what proved to be quite an exc. ng game. While some of the visitors were veterans, they still have plenty of pep, and aided by a couple of players who would probably not be veterans until after the next world struggle, they present ed a formidable line-up.

The game was not as fast as that against the London R.C.R. of the previous evening, and our men showed the effects of that strenuous game. In the first period

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second, one of the youthful veterans evened the score. Again in the third period this same man scored and the game ended with the score 3-1 in favour of the 'veterans.'

Davidson played an expert game in goal, and cheated the veterans of several counters, Gal'oway, Knights and Stafford were just missed out on many occasions. McMurray, Smith and Berkins also played well.

The Squadron were represented by: Davidson, goal; Stuart and Douglass, defence; Knights, Stafford and Galloway, forwards, and Smith, C. Ward, McMurray and Berkins, subs.

B Sqn. R.C.D. 0-London R.C.R. 1

On Friday, 16th February, the Squadron played C Company R.C. R. of London, Ontario, at the Ravina Rink. It was the first game that the squadron had played as a squadron team, and in spite of this every man played his position well. At times, we showed a lack of combination, but the team worked

we netted two goals, but in the like Trojans, and everyone gave of his best. The R.C.R. brought up a stong aggregation of players, and as they had been playing in a league in London, all season the Squadron team did very well to hold them to such a close deci-

While Galloway, Tempsall, and Stafford, starred as forwards, so a / formidable forward line, and also did Stuart and Douglass, on , the defence, Davidson in goal saved many sure goals, and played a spectacular game throughout. Our subs all had sample opportunity to show their worth, and all played extremely well.

After holding the R.C.R. scoreless for the first period, an unfortunate goal was scored for them in the second stanza, when the puck was deflected past Davidson off a defenceman's skate, the game ended with further scoring. leaving the R.C.R. winners of a close exciting game by the margin of the only goal scored, and considering the fact that our boys' had had no previous practice as a team. we did remarkably well.

The team :- Davidson, Stuart and Douglass, Tempsall, Ward and Galloway.

forwards; Stafford, Knights, Ber- Matthews, subs. kins , McMurray, Green, Walton, Referee. S/Inst. P. Godin, R.C.R.



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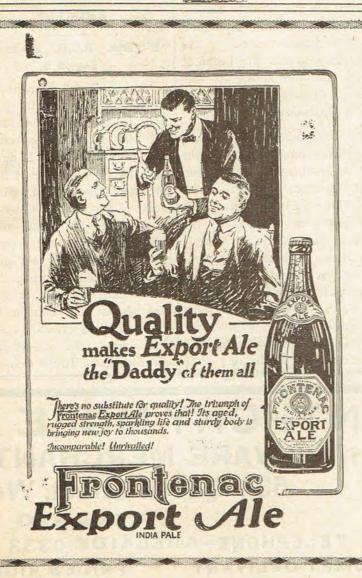
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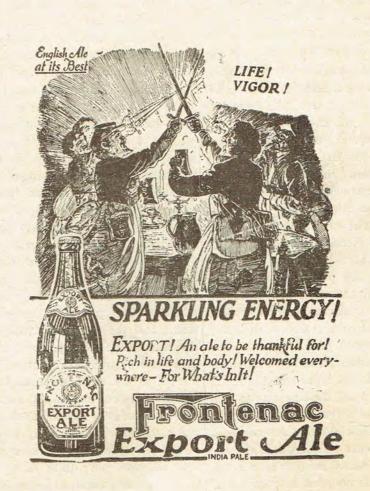
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